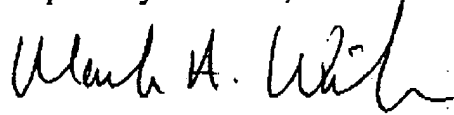


Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the RCE made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 50-3444 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25. Applicants hereby petition for any extensions that may be required. Additionally, please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-3444 under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21.

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